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1. THE AMBASSADOR HAND DELIVERED SUBJECT REPORT TO FONMIN MONTIEL ARGUELLO ON MAY 3. MONTIEL WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE SECTION ON US DISASTER RELIEF TO NICARAGUA FOLLOWING THE DECEMBER 23, 1972 EARTHQUAKE. HE REITERATED HIS GOVERNMENT' S GRATITUDE. THE AMBASSADOR CALLED MONTIEL' S SPECIAL ATTENTION TO THE NINE OBJECTIVES OF US FOREIGN POLICY OUTLINED IN THE SECRETARY' S INTRODUCTION.

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2. COMMENTING ON US RELATIONS WITH LATIN AMERICA, MONTIEL OBSERVED THAT A GENERAL SENSE OF LATIN INFERIORITY COMPLICATES THE TASK OF MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS. LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES REALIZE THEIR DEPENDENCE ON US AID AND THIS MAKES THEM FEEL INFERIOR AND RESENTFUL. MONTIEL SAID THAT THE US DECISION TO SELL STOCKPILED MATERIALS IN DIRECT COMPETITION WITH MANY LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES IS HAVING A PARTICULARLY ADVERSE IMPACT. HE OBSERVED THAT THE US HAS PROMISED ITS ACTION WILL NOT DEPRESS PRICES BUT WONDERED HOW THIS COULD BE GIVEN THE LARGE QUANTITIES INVOLVED.

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4. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IT MAY BE NECESSARY AT SOME POINT PROVIDE CIVILAVIA WITH WRITTEN STATEMENT RE STATUS PART 121 COMMERCIAL

OPERATORS, INCLUDING RICHMOND INTERNATIONAL ALONG LINES CAB CABLE TO CIVILAVIA (STATE 76397) RE AERES AIR CARGO, INC.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT. BASED ON AERES PRECEDENT, EMBASSY BELIEVES CIVILAVIA WILL APPROVE CATTLE FLIGHTS BY PART 121 OPERATORS SO LONG AS CLEAR TRAFFIC REQUIREMENT EXISTS, BUT MAY BE RELUCTANT APPROVE UPLIFT IN ITALY OF OUTBOUND CARGO WHETHER OWNED BY OPERATOR ON UNDER PRIVATE CONTRACT. WE DOUBT CIVILAVIA WOULD GIVE ANY BLANKET APPROVAL FOR FLIGHTS OVER EXTENDED PERIOD.

6. EMBASSY HAS BEEN AWARE FOR SOME TIME THAT HOLSTEIN- FRIESIAN ASSOCIATION AND OTHER LIVESTOCK SHIPPERS HAVE ENCOUNTERED FRUSTRATING DIFFICULTIES IN OBTAINING AIR TRANSPORT FROM US SCHEDULED OR SUPPLEMENTAL CARRIERS ADEQUATE TO MEET EXACTING SCHEDULES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY DEVELOP HIGH VALUE EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG CALVES IN ITALY. USE OF AERES AIR CARGO, RICHMOND INTERNATIONAL, AND OTHER PART 121 OPERATORS WOULD SEEM ONE WAY OF SOLVING AIR TRANSPORT PROBLEM AND EMBASSY PREPARED ASSIST SUCH FIRMS TO EXTENT POSSIBLE. FURTHER EXPANSION US LIVESTOCK EXPORTS TO ITALY WILL DEPEND IMPORTANTLY ON WHETHER US AIRLINES AND/ OR AIRCRAFT OPERATORS CAN PROVIDE PROPER AIRCRAFT AT THE RIGHT TIME, IMPROVE COMPLIANCE WITH CONTRACT TERMS SO AS TO REDUCE MORTALITY RATES, AND OFFER REASONABLE CARGO RATES. VOLPE

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